



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1763**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

Attorney Docket No. 07553.0017

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Mitsuru ISHIKAWA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1763
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Application No.: 09/696,232	)	Examiner: Olsen, Allan
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Filed: October 26, 2000	)	
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For: ETCHING METHOD	)	

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed September 16, 2004, the period for response having been extended to March 16, 2005 by a Petition for Extension of Time - Three Months - and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** follow the amendment section of this paper.